UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

Case No. 3:23-md-3071 MDL No. 3071
JURY DEMAND
Chief Judge Waverly D. Crenshaw, Jr.
This Document Relates to: ALL CASES

STATUS UPDATE CONCERNING PERSONAL JURISDICTION AND VENUE MATTERS

On June 21, 2023, in connection with motions to dismiss the original consolidated Class Action Complaint, Defendants filed their Notice of Number and Nature of Anticipated Motions, wherein they identified particular Defendants who intended to file motions to dismiss based on lack of personal jurisdiction and/or venue challenges. (Dkt. 297 at 6-7.) Per the Court's June 22, 2023 Order (Dkt. 298), the parties conferred, resulting in a stipulation between Plaintiffs and certain Defendants (the "Stipulating Defendants"), to defer motion practice on the issues of personal jurisdiction and venue for 180 days ("Stipulation") (Dkt. 317). On July 10, 2023, the

¹ The Stipulating Defendants are: Essex Property Trust, Inc. and Essex Management Corporation; Cortland Management, LLC; Equity Residential; Security Properties, Inc.; Rose Associates Inc.; ZRS Management, LLC; Thrive Communities Management, LLC; Mid-America Apartment Communities, Inc.; Prometheus Real Estate Group, Inc.; Sares Regis Group Commercial, Inc.; Morgan Properties Management Company, LLC and Morgan Properties, LP; Dayrise Residential, LLC; Independence Realty Trust, Inc.; Conti Capital; Kairoi Management, LLC; ConAm Management Corporation; Camden Property Trust; RPM Living, LLC; B/T Washington, LLC d/b/a Blanton Turner; Highmark Residential, LLC; Allied Orion Group, LLC; Windsor Property Management Company; Greystar Real Estate Partners, LLC; Lincoln Property Company; and Sherman Associates, Inc.

Of these Stipulating Defendants, Plaintiffs subsequently: (1) substituted corrected entities for Security Properties, Inc., Conti Capital, and Greystar Real Estate Partners; (2) named Mid-America Apartments, L.P. alongside Mid-America Apartment Communities, Inc.; and (3) dismissed Essex Management Corporation, Morgan Properties, LP, and B/T Washington, LLC d/ba Blanton Turner.

Court entered an Order consistent with the Stipulation and directed that the parties—within 180 days of the issuance of the Order (*i.e.*, by January 5, 2024)—submit a status report that would either: (1) alert the Court that issues of personal jurisdiction and venue have been resolved; or (2) propose a briefing schedule for the Court to resolve any remaining motions concerning personal jurisdiction and venue with respect to the Stipulating Defendants (Dkt. 353).

Continued discussions between the parties led to Plaintiffs filing an Unpposed Omnibus Motion to Dismiss Certain Defendants and Substitute Corrected Defendants (Dkt. 528), which requests were adopted in the Court's Order dated September 11, 2023 (Dkt. 536), and resolved many of the outstanding personal jurisdiction and/or venue issues.

On October 9, 2023, certain of the Stipulating Defendants (the "Moving Defendants") joined Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Tennessee Actions for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction and Improper Venue ("PJ MTD") (*see* Dkt. 585, at 1).²

In compliance with the Court's July 10, 2023 Order, Plaintiffs have conferred with the Stipulating Defendants that did not join the PJ MTD (the "Remaining Stipulating Defendants").³ As of the date of this filing, none of the Remaining Stipulating Defendants have informed Plaintiffs that there are unresolved issues of personal jurisdiction and venue requiring motion practice.

Accordingly, Plaintiffs respectfully inform the Court that all issues of personal jurisdiction and venue as to the Stipulating Defendants have been resolved, save those raised in the PJ MTD,

² The Moving Defendants are: ConAm Management Corporation, CONTI Texas Organization Inc., d/b/a CONTI Capital, Essex Property Trust, Inc., Prometheus Real Estate Group, Inc., Rose Associates, Inc., Sares Regis Group Commercial, Inc., Sherman Associates, Inc., and Windsor Property Management Company.

³ The Remaining Stipulating Defendants are: Cortland Management, LLC; Equity Residential; ZRS Management, LLC; Thrive Communities Management, LLC; Mid-America Apartment Communities, Inc. and Mid-America Apartments, L.P.; Morgan Properties Management Company, LLC; Dayrise Residential, LLC; Independence Realty Trust, Inc.; Kairoi Management, LLC; Camden Property Trust; RPM Living, LLC; Highmark Residential, LLC; Allied Orion Group, LLC; and Lincoln Property Company.

which remains pending before the Court.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 5, 2024, I caused the foregoing to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the email addresses denoted on the Electronic Mail Notice List.

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